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SOLACE IN CUP:

Marconi seek revenge

Marconi's last chance not to end the season empty-handed comes this week (Wednesday) in the replayed final of the Philips Cup.

Having squandered a winning three-goal lead last Sunday, Marconi have ended their brief run in the Top Four.

So it must be the Cup — or bust.

And Marconi is far too ambitious a club and good a team not to collect some trophy for their 1980 efforts.

Rumors persist that Marconi and coach Les Scheinflug may part company after two successful seasons.

Neither the club officials nor Scheinflug deny these rumors.

It's possible that a renewal of his contract depends on winning the Philips Cup.

This match, by the way, will be the last competitive one in Sydney this year by PSL teams.

The Final of the Top Four is staged in Melbourne on Sunday and the Grand Final in Canberra next week.

Stung by their amazing defeat last Sunday, Marconi are not likely to repeat their serious mistakes against Heidelberg in the Cup Final.

They may also have a somewhat easier task as Heidelberg have definitely hit a slump.

Their star defender Yzendoorn is still only half-fit while Campbell seems to be carrying a chronic injury.

If the Marconi strikers can maintain their goal-form, we expect the trophy to end up in the Bossley Park club's boardroom.

Marconi's Krncevic, hope for the Philips Cup final.

NSW GRAND FINAL

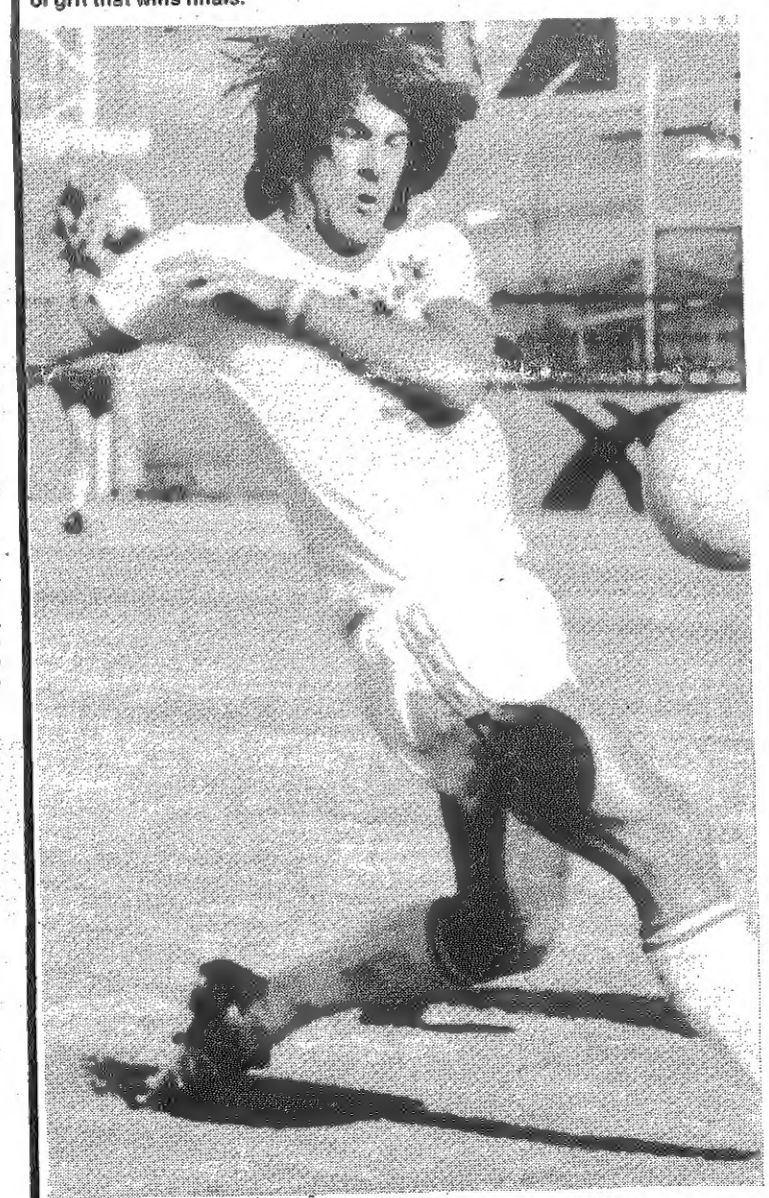
OLYMPIC FAVORED

The new PSL hopefuls of NSW, Melita Eagles and Sydney Olympic, are likely to stage a battle royal in Sunday's Grand Final at the Sportsground.

The undoubted giants of the State League this year, these two teams have been dominating the scene almost from the start.

In their most recent clash, in a semifinal, Olympic gained a very decisive 5-1 win and must be oozing with confidence.

Melita, on the other hand, fought back from the brink of defeat last Sunday against Canterbury, showing the type of grit that wins finals.



MELITA'S McDONALD

OLYMPIC'S JENNINGS

RUDI UPSET OVER 'CHAOS'

National coach Rudi Gutendorf is distressed over the world tour plans of the ASF.

His friends claim that Gutendorf has even considered resigning in protest over what he calls "chaotic plans."

Gutendorf's main objection is to the crammed program and the ASF's refusal to let him have more than 18 players.

"I don't think we should play in England at all, in November," Gutendorf said this week.

"English teams are at their peak then and weather conditions also suit their style.

"Even top German clubs avoid England at that time of the year, if they can."

Gutendorf also objects to three matches being played in five days in Birmingham, Porto and Florence.

"We are simply not strong enough for that. And then there's the travelling in between. Florence hasn't even got an airport so from Porto you have to fly to Rome and then take a train to Florence.

"I also suggest that we play only one game in Indonesia, not two, on December 5 and 7.

"Coming from Europe's winter to Indonesia's humid heat and then playing twice in three days is bad planning.

"I'm very disappointed with the whole thing. The ASF had about a year to plan the tour and this is all they could come up with.

"If we must play two matches in Indonesia, I may ask the ASF to fly five fresh players from Australia early December to meet what's left of our squad there.

"Surely they can afford that much. The five players could be kept in training in Sydney for a few weeks before coming to Djakarta."

Gutendorf will be happy to learn that the match in Porto, Portugal, is now likely to be dropped.

NSW IN FOCUS

Auburn almost had it made

Series written by
PAUL JAMES

For Auburn, 1980 was the year that almost was...

A strong team was built up by coach Vic Dalgleish and it looked capable of giving the State League a good shake.

Unfortunately, Melita was even better prepared and eventually finished eight points better off than third placed Auburn.

It was also the last year in the hot seat for Ron Bowman, the club's go-ahead, ambitious president.

Under his leadership Auburn made the grand final for the first time in 20 years when they lost in 1977 to Croatia.

In 1978 Auburn again made the top four, as they did this year.

Critics both outside and within the club readily pointed out flaws in the team.

But for all the flaws, it proved a useful combination.

"We set out to win the title," a club spokesman said.

"It is every club's aim, no matter how they did the previous season.

"Everyone has the hope that things will go right long enough for a handy total of points to be built up," he said.

"Although we only lost five matches, the second lowest number behind Melita, we dropped quite a few points in draws."

Auburn's tactics this year also drew various reactions from the press and other clubs.

"People said we were too negative, playing far too deep.

"But we had the second best goal scoring record and Mark Ross topped the individual goalscorer chart," he said.

Auburn, inspired by two of the State League's craftiest players — Alex McMillan and John McDonald — played patient, "German" football.

They pushed the ball around at the back, waited for gaps, then hit out with fast attacks by their young strikers.

"It was different, though obviously harked back to our style of 1977.

"We tried to play thinking soccer this year.

"It almost worked, except for some bad luck.

"We came close in the top four series, then lost to Canterbury after four hours of soccer.

"The incident when Alex McMillan was sent off was a turning point in that game and it was unfortunate the referee didn't see the whole event, as perhaps a Canterbury player may also have received a red card," he said.

What of next season?

The club will once again be aiming high, with both the premiership and the Grand Final in their sights.

This year's side will probably remain largely intact.

One of the best buys of the year was that of Hector Martinez, the talented Argentinian who was formerly with Pan Hellenic.

Martinez was snapped up well into the season, but blended into the side easily and in fact adapted so well he replaced the club's leading goalscorer Mark Ross.

If both Alex McMillan and John McDonald stay with the club, they are certain to once again stamp their authority on the team's style.

"There will obviously be changes, but these will only come during the off-season once we have had a chance to weigh up the year a little better.

"Overall it was not an unsuccessful year for the green and golds — but next season they aim to do better."

BERRIES BUILD A POWER BASE

"We really wanted to win a competition this year, not only for the club, but for those players who have been with the club for so long without ever tasting success," Canterbury secretary Lionel Brown said.

Canterbury started preparing for the season early and went into the transfer market for class players.

The deals were expensive and for a while it looked as if they wouldn't pay dividends.

"We got started slowly, and as a result we really had to battle throughout the year to win that fourth spot," Lionel said.

Canterbury bought several name players to add to their already experienced line-up including stalwarts Ross and Greg Brown, Penman and Kable.

The new boys such as Byles, Williams and McPherson were joined by Hall and Basterfield, the two golden boys of Sutherland.

Basterfield fitted in quickly, but it took Hall some months to start to show his real form.

"With four or five new players it took us a long time to finally blend the side together," Lionel said.

"But I think they did tremendously well considering the handicaps."

Lionel also praised the ground work of coach Rex Foster, who left the club towards the end of the year to be replaced by George Barboutis.

"Rex did a hell of a lot of hard slogging, getting the team together.

"But then he felt he couldn't do any more.

"He was honest enough to admit it, and we appreciate that," Lionel added.

"George picked up from where Rex left off and we finally did get into the top four.

"It was a great disappointment to us all when we lost the final to Melita after being on top by two goals," Lionel said.

"We know that we should have closed the game up and made it ours, but that is one of the lessons you must learn the hard way."

Lionel said he feels the club's committee will offer Barboutis the coaching position for next season.

"I think that all round we will have much the same team and coaching staff as this year," he said.

"We know there are some positions in the team that need strengthening, and we will probably go into the transfer market to bolster them."

He said the club would probably retain all of the players it needed to keep the side as strong for next year.

"I don't think any of the players were unhappy this year, and I think they can see that Canterbury has a future."

Talking of the future, Canterbury spent almost $7,500 this year on sponsoring the youth teams of the Canterbury association.

"We put up the money and they played in the Under 14, 15 and 16 youth leagues organised by the NSW Federation," Lionel said.

"They never had teams playing in the youth league before and it was a chance for the association to give its rep teams the opportunity to play in highly competitive soccer," Lionel said.

He said the club hoped to build an even closer association with the Canterbury district body, to use the association as a nursery for the first team and reserve grades.

Other improvements within the club are centred chiefly on the home ground at Arlington.

"We now have a long term lease on the ground and we want to try and have the ground totally floodlit," Lionel said.

"It could be one of the best floodlit grounds in Sydney if we can realise our plans," he added.

On the player front Lionel said the club was delighted Neil Williams had taken out the Rothmans medal.

"He showed throughout the year that he had outstanding leadership qualities and was a real force behind the team.

"And Greg Byles' third place in the award was also most pleasing," Lionel said.

He added that the 'old' Canterbury players also were outstanding this year.

"It was for them that I felt sorry when we lost to Melita.

"They have been so loyal to the club and this year we had a real chance to win something for the club and for them.

"Next year we'll do it," he added.

THE 'TOWN WILL RAID THE MARKET

From a season that promised so much, Bankstown were lucky to finally escape relegation.

Some club officials, unwilling to be directly quoted, said they felt there were too many players in the first team who just did not pull their weight this year.

"It's bad enough when you have ordinary players in the side who can't play any better.

"But when young players with talent just don't play to their full potential it makes you sad," one official said.

Bankstown did well in the pre-season Ampol Cup, before going down to Olympic in the semifinal.

To many, their performances were a breath of fresh air — here was yet another new face to challenge for top honours in the State League.

The striking partnership of Dennis Daley and Mark Davis promised to be the equal of any in the league.

What went wrong?

"I think the initial enthusiasm of the club, with a new management, a largely rebuilt team and a new approach wore off too soon.

"Too many people wanted instant results," the official said.

"It doesn't happen like that.

"There is always a lot of heartbreak and set-backs at first before success comes."

In the last few rounds of the competition Bankstown was in dire straits, with the distinct possibility of relegation hanging over them.

In the last round they drew with a down-hearted Olympic 0-0 and thus earned the point that pushed them clear of the relegation play-off zone.

But to avoid relegation by two points is not the club's idea of a successful year.

Moves are afoot to bolster the side for next season.

"One of the facets of the game we lacked was authority and cohesion.

"We did well against more fancied teams because strangely enough the pressure was off — everyone expected us to get whipped and the lads could just enjoy their soccer.

"But when we were playing teams in the bottom half of the table, and had to make the play, nothing came," the official said.

"We need character as well as talent and I think we'll have to definitely go into the transfer market to find it," he added.

"Once the younger players have a controlling influence on the field — someone who can keep them going and help them exploit their own talents — I think you'll see Bankstown's early 1980 form re-appear," he said.

AMPOL

Rothmans

Award to Williams

Neil Williams, the young Canterbury midfielder, won the Rothmans Gold Medal this week.

Runner-up was the veteran Auburn ex-international John McDonald.

The award is based on points given by referees weekly in the NSW State League.

"But I'm NOT acting like a dictator, Jones — all I'm doing is asking you to get your hair cut"

Trip to N.Z.

Brian Le Fevre, ASF general secretary, this week announced details of the prestigious FIFA/Coca-Cola International Academy to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from October 19 to November 1.

The Academy, the third of a planned 16 during the next two years, is a follow-on from the successful FIFA/Coca-Cola World Development Programmes held during 1977, 1978 and 1979.

The selected coaches will be flown to New Zealand from Papua New Guinea, Fiji, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Tahiti and Australia.

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PHILIPS TOP FOUR

ONE HALF WAS QUITE ENOUGH

Sydney City v Heidelberg 2-0

If there is such a thing as a hollow victory, Heidelberg last weekend went one better and sculpted the concept of hollow defeat.

They played like a team which senses, rather than knows, that their turn may come with the second bite at the cherry. In Sunday's final against South Melbourne; it's not often that one can see a star-studded side go down with more meekness.

Sydney City, for their part, did what they had to to ease their way into the Grand Final in Canberra; they played some brilliant stuff in the first half, then, non-plussed by Heidelberg's lack of vitality, eased up and killed the match as only they can.

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry, it seems, had more success with his team while he was a shadowy figure in the background than since officially taking over the outfit.

He must worry about the Bergers' inability to score goals; in their fast two games, for example, they remained sterile.

Sydney City started off well, relishing the crisp spring evening weather (who said something about heat in October?); Boden, at his most mobile and combative in months, twice threatened the goal.

Heidelberg, as if intent to put the handful of noisy Greek fans to sleep, persevered with methodical back-passing to the goalie; even in four-against-two situations they seemed overcautious.

In the 14th and 15th minutes the Slickers could have managed two goals but first Spanos missed a sharp Stevenson cross attempting a flying header, then Boden's lob, pulled back over his head, was scrambled to safety.

In the 35th minute the first goal came swiftly and simply: Mullen sent a long, innocent-looking lob into the goalmouth, Olver hesitated and the ever willing Trenter nodded the ball into the empty net.

A mere five minutes later the issue was put to rest. Spanos, constantly bursting through from midfield, was hacked down by Provan and Boden showed once again how to convert a penalty effectively and elegantly.

Clarke had to make one of his very few saves in the 52nd minute when he threw himself into a Paton shot.

Then, four minutes later, Boden streaked off on the left, cut the ball back (!) for Trenter to flick it home — yet the goal was disallowed for offside.

This, by the way, was the third disallowed goal of the match, making a possible scoreline read: Referees 3 v Slickers-Heidelberg Combined 2...

In the last 25 minutes the game was slowly dying; Sydney City were content, Heidelberg impotent.

The brief interlude during Trenter's replacement caused a minor stir but even the most chronic insomniacs were dozing off by now.

Towards the end a Boden volley and a sharp, long-range Mullen shot proved that the Slickers were still in control, if further proof was needed.

Sydney City's domination was engineered by the Stevenson-Watson—Spanos-Souness quartet with Boden up front darting and creating brilliantly.

The Sydney defence had a strangely peaceful evening against a Heidelberg attack woefully out of touch.

Only once or twice did we see glimpses of the once feared Heidelberg counter-punches, brilliantly executed wallpass moves.

When the semi-fit Yzendoorn came on, towards the end, it was too little and too late to stem the tide.

Slow off the Mark

It was a scene more fitting for an under-10 match than a PSL Top Four encounter: a petulant player refused to be replaced.

In the 77th minute of the Sydney City v Heidelberg match the Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson, decided to pull Mark Trenter off and send in Adhilton Silva.

Thomson's deputy, Jimmy Hughes, duly walked to the sideline with the anxiously jogging Silva and drew the attention of referee Boskovic.

The referee halted the game, waved Silva on and looked around who was to go off.

Nobody moved.

Thomson stood up from the bench and yelled towards Trenter, some 35 metres away: "Mark..."

Mark turned, looked in disbelief, pointed at his chest, then waved Thomson off as if saying: "You must be crazy..."

"Mark," Thomson yelled again, gesturing for Trenter to leave the field. Another wave from Trenter; impasse developing.

Jimmy Hughes, on the sideline, was now gesturing for Trenter to leave and the big striker began to walk off slowly, clearly fuming with rage.

Kevin Mullen raced to the sideline towards Thomson. "Oh, come on..." he screamed, making his plea on Trenter's behalf, before being dragged away by others.

Trenter walked off, at last, past the embarrassed Hughes and Silva, without a glance at them.

Thomson, in order to pacify the upset player, wanted to take his arm and seat him on the bench but Trenter pulled away and walked into the tunnel.

BLITZ WIPES OUT THREE- GOAL LEAD

Sth.Melbourne v Marconi 4-3

— By Paul Galea —

"This must be the match of the year. We played exceptionally in the second half and we proved we are the best side in Australia."

John Margaritis waxed laurel after South Melbourne's incredible victory over Marconi on Sunday.

And if he was wallowing in the feeling of success, he must be pardoned for the extravagance, for this match surely deserves all the accolades.

South Melbourne looked beaten and washed up; brittle at the back and not in the same league as Marconi in the first half.

But a halftime substitution, a stepped up sense of urgency and an early goal provided the match with a complete turn around befitting a run in any of the Roy of the Rovers comic strips.

"I felt that Marconi played in our hands by pulling Jankovics and Krncevic deep after halftime leaving us with only Sharne to worry about," said Margaritis.

"But even before that I told my players at halftime that we could still do it.

"I said 'We've put three past them in 20 minutes in Sydney. We can do it again if you don't panic. Go out and enjoy yourselves.'

Substitute Sammy Wright stamped his authority on the game from the start of the second half giving South the edge in midfield where Gary Byrne had dominated in the opening 45 minutes.

Wright's vision, coupled with Alun Evans' mobility and urgency up front, gave South the lift it needed with an early goal after the restart.

Evans hassled and niggled and bustled and ran to completely unsettle the Marconi defensive duo of Tony Henderson and Ivo Prskalo and, fittingly, scored the opening goal as well as the winner.

His opener gave the side heart for the fight.

Duncan Cummings started the move with a cross from the right which eluded Bertie Mariani and fell nicely for George Campbell to knock back into the goalmouth where Evans was on hand to head home.

South's snare of possession grew from then on yet it wasn't until a quarter of an hour from the end that they scored their second — but it was well worth waiting for.

Arthur Xanthopoulos was the scorer with a tremendous dipping shot from all of 30 metres which eluded Maher and slid just under the crossbar.

The centreback had tripped Mariani for a penalty which Byrne converted in the first half so getting on the scoresheet must have been sweet relief.

And I doubt if he'll ever score a finer goal.

From then on South were in with a chance of salvaging the match.

"I could sense the win after that second goal — there was no stopping us," fullback Alan Davidson said after the match.

Peter Sharne could have killed off those hopes in the 77th minute breaking on a through ball but Laumets came out and spread himself well to block the danger.

That narrow escape over, South grabbed their chance at the other end.

Steve Blair came forward from fullback, sent a long cross from the right and there was Branko Buljevic darting in at the far post to send a bullet header past a hapless Allan Maher.

The atmosphere was electric now and urged on by the incessant cries of "Hellas, Hellas," — Rik Booth please note — the side responded with the winner a minute later.

The goal was from another header by Evans getting onto the end of a Cummings corner to slip the ball home.

Arms waving, more shouting, incessant rain, all there to be seeped in, all there to be absorbed and contrasted to the first half silence as the villains trudged off 0-3 behind.

Marconi's goal had looked so simple nobody could have fathomed South were capable of a recovery.

Sharne popped in the first goal after 10 minutes from a narrow angle between the near post and Laumets after a build up involving Henderson, Mariani and Krncevic.

Then, after Byrne's penalty goal, Sharne again did all the damage in the 40th minute speeding down the left beating his opponent then cutting back the ball for Eddie Krncevic to slam home.

But all that was forgotten at fulltime and now with confidence brimming, the Top Four series is not beyond the club.

Margaritis summed it up best by saying, "We've done this one the hard way. I can't see why we shouldn't beat Heidelberg next week and then go all the way.

"I've said during the year our team is capable of that. Maybe now people will start believing us."

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, Blair 4, Lutton 5, Xanthopoulos 5, Davidson 4, Campbell 4, Rogers 4, Cummings 4, Evans 6, Kakantonis (Wright 46m, 5) Buljevic 5.
MARCONI: Maher 3, Brogan 3, Henderson 3, Prskalo 3, Cant 3, Byrne 4, Raskopoulos 3, Mariani 3 (Lindsay 76m), Sharne 4, Jankovics 3, Krncevic 4.
Goals: 0-1 Sharne 10m, 0-2 Byrne (pen.20m), 0-3 Krncevic (40m), 1-3 Evans (50m), 2-3 Xanthopoulos (74m), 3-3 Buljevic (79m), 4-3 Evans (81m).
Referee: C. Bambridge (Vic.); **crowd:** 4,500.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

If one is to believe newspaper reports some players have expressed opposition to the idea of summer soccer.

They have said — or have been quoted as having said — just what a lunatic idea it is.

One — and I'll be charitable, omitting his name, in case he has to eat his words later — suggested that the proponents of the idea "should be shot."

All this — if true — amazes me. As PSL chairman Frank Lowy said the other day, the players are employees of the clubs and, as such, will have two choices: play whenever asked — or quit.

"The world," Frank Lowy said calmly, "is full of soccer players." Being a civilised man, he didn't propose that they ought to be shot — merely sacked.

Although I'm usually on the side of the players — after all, they ARE soccer — I cannot believe that too many of them have thought too deeply about the issues.

They ought to remember that their wages and bonuses are now being paid by their clubs — almost always too generously for their popular crowd appeal.

Dozens of star players are on an annual retainer — often exceeding $10,000 — for which they have to train three or four nights a week and play one game. The rest of the time they are free.

These players ought to realise that even the best milching cows do dry up; several of our PSL clubs are now in a hellish financial mess, having spent well over their budgets.

Now, if these clubs feel, believe or just suspect that with summer soccer their incomes from gate takings and TV rights will increase — the players should have enough conscience to help that come about.

One hears, almost incessantly, about "professionalism" from players and coaches.

What they usually mean by that is not a thoroughly tradesman-like, ethical approach — but the desire to make a fulltime living from soccer.

Fair enough; competitive sport does need total devotion and dedication.

Summer soccer may be able to make that possible by gainfully occupying the players all year round, with indoor soccer making up part of the season.

Let's face it: if the majority of our players were paid according to the gate takings of the clubs, they'd be lucky to earn $1,000 a year.

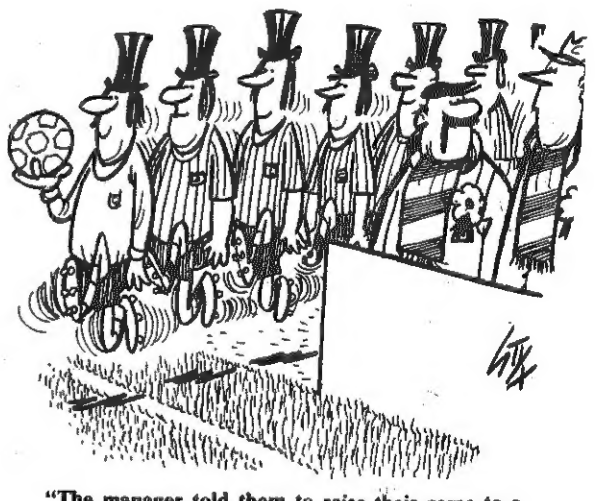
Their present salaries and bonuses are ripped out of licensed clubs, social functions and all sorts of fund raising activities.

And if the clubs want to cut down on their dependence on non-soccer funds, through a possibly successful summer soccer season, the players should be grateful for this.

Or, they have the option of coming straight out with an honest statement that they would rather be paid less than play in summer.

But they can't have it both ways. To justify — even partially — the expenditure on their teams, the clubs simply must generate more income or go broke.

— Andrew Dettre



"The manager told them to raise their game to a higher class"

REVIEW OF PSL TEAMS

Success still eludes Canberra

When the Canberra City PSL report was published in "Soccer World" last October the heading read: "Canberra needs success to build on."

The club is still finding success as elusive as ever despite spending $90,000 pre-season on players of supposed star quality.

Canberra began the season if not spectacularly, at least commendably and for the first time since the inception of the team interstate coaches were treating Canberra with the caution accorded to a "dark horse" combination.

The club had acquired the dreaded Sebastian Giampaolo-Walter Valeri tandem from State League club Inter-Monaro and Tony Brennan from Brisbane Lions.

Suddenly, the club which was sorely bereft of attacking talent found itself squandering an embarrassment of riches.

Throughout the season according to the whims and prejudices of firstly manager-coach Victor Fernandez and then John Brown, Giampaolo, Valeri, Brennan, Don Maclaren and Terry Byrne were shuffled and mixed in a myriad of permutations which eroded the confidence of the players and also vexed supporters.

The squad is talented. The New Zealanders, goalkeeper Richard Wilson and midfielder Duncan Cole, have had excellent seasons while the three O'Shea brothers from St.George are young and steady.

The nucleus of the team will remain intact next season.

So far, Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic and Don Maclaren are rumoured to be leaving the club.

Moulis wants to study law in Melbourne and will probably also continue to play PSL soccer for a Victorian club.

Milovanovic is considering a move to the Newcastle area while Maclaren, unable to hold a permanent first team forward line spot, is keen to transfer.

The club will certainly not spend freely on new recruits for 1981.

With the possible depletion of the defensive ranks a new defender may be purchased but the team needs a sense of stability and security rather than an injection of new blood in order to consolidate.

The Canberra defence has performed admirably this season.

Up to the last round the team had a plus-1 goal difference and had conceded only 32 goals — as many as Marconi and one less than Heidelberg.

Of 11 fixtures lost, 8 were lost by only a one goal margin.

The much vaunted attack has been a disappointment.

Giampaolo showed early flashes of brilliance, then faded, Valeri and Brennan hit form only at the twilight of the season.

If the talented trio can peak concurrently and at an opportune time mid-season, the future will look bright.

The club will need to achieve success or it will risk the fate of a "provincial" club which loses its stars to the true glamour clubs in the larger cities.

A victorious Canberra City can again recapture the crowds and make Canberra the "Soccer City."

— Peter Kunz

Milovanovic: may move house.

The forward line lottery eventually became the forward line fiasco and the pervading sense of nervousness saw Canberra's goal scoring rate plummet while the defence would concede vital goals in the dying minutes of matches.

With the team drifting downtable, the spectators, feeling cheated after hearing pre-season proclamations about inevitable successes deserted the terraces.

Again, as in previous seasons, the Canberra home win record was abysmal.

In 1979 the team won only two home matches, this year the figure stands at only three.

Excellent away wins can never atone for a poor home record and supporters will only return in droves if the club can prove it will dominate at Bruce Stadium.

All, however, is not gloomy.

NINE OF 16 KNOWN

Out of the 16 finalists participating in the World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup in Australia from October 3 to 18, 1981, nine are already known.

In Europe, the UEFA Youth Tournament in 1980 counted as qualification for the final round of the 1981 FIFA World Youth Championship in Australia. The teams of the following National Associations have qualified:

England, Poland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and Rumania.

Lots had to be drawn in order to determine the 6th team because Rumania and Portugal had the same number of points, the same goal difference and the same number of scored goals at the end of the tournament.

Besides these six European teams, the representative teams to have qualified from the Concacaf region (North and Central America and the Caribbean) were *Mexico* and the *USA*, the latter qualifying for the first time.

UNIS IGNORED

One of the problems confronting soccer's development in Australia is the large-scale loss of talent and interest when teenagers complete their secondary schooling.

Although obviously not the total answer, University soccer should provide the perfect opportunity to help reduce this loss of talent and interest and also to simultaneously nurture some top class players, coaches and referees.

University soccer in Australia should not be considered an insignificant element of the total soccer scene.

Presently there are 94,000 full-time students at 19 Universities with about 40 active soccer teams.

Each one of these Universities has facilities and talent, active or otherwise, which I believe constitutes a vast undeveloped potential of players, coaches, referees and "strength for the code".

However, at present Australia's University soccer set-up contributes little to the overall standing and possible advancement of the code in this country.

There is a very simple and obvious reason why this is so — lack of attention and support by the powers that be.

Bluntly, there has been virtually no support of, and attention to University soccer by both the Australian Universities' Sports Association (AUSA) and the Australian Soccer Federation (ASF).

There cannot be much hope of fostering a well organised and well recognised level of University soccer, capable of a significant contribution to Australian soccer, without considerable active support from both the AUSA and particularly the ASF.

This lack of support for and attention to University soccer is, to be sure, a quirk of other priorities, oversight and time.

However, it is now time to remedy this situation of neglect.

It is not this way in other countries and it should not be so in ours.

— Ross Rathmell

DECIMATED ADCITY ALMOST MADE IT

Adelaide City equalled last year's effort by again finishing fifth this season, but by no stretch of the imagination could they be accused of marking time.

In one aspect 1980 was a less rewarding year than last because the team surrendered the Philips Cup they had won in 1979.

But few who followed the side regularly would disagree that there was, in fact, a general uplift in standard.

Rasic succeeded in implementing his total football edict, with organisation and discipline the key.

The well-drilled players contrived more often than not in both defensive and attacking situations to create a numerical advantage around the ball.

The concept required superb fitness and few will deny that Adcity excelled in that department.

Why then did they not figure in the 1980 honors list?

The major reasons were an unlucky sequence of injuries and an alarming deficiency in the central striking division.

Adcity's finishing problems started with the abrupt departure of Dixie Deans.

A temporary solution was found when Norwich City superstar Justin Fashanu played five guest games, but the goal supply diminished when the brilliant teenager returned home.

If, by some miracle, Fashanu had been able to remain in Adelaide, there is every reason to believe that Adcity would have qualified for the Top Four and perhaps even have clinched the championship and the Philips Cup.

Fashanu was a huge plus, as indeed was David Jones who joined the club from West Adelaide.

The late acquisition of striker Colin Barnes from Isthmian League club Hitchin Town was also significant.

But on the debit side, Adcity lost, in addition to Deans and Fashanu, Jimbo Muir, Chris Kent and Robert Marwe.

Injuries also played a disturbing part with Brian Northcote restricted to 15 games, many of which were as a substitute because of complicated spinal problems and Gary Marocchi cut to 16 matches with crippling complaints.

In addition, Adcity's 1979 Rookie of the Year, Charlie Villani, was the victim of a pre-season injury which prevented him from kicking a single ball in the PSL for the season.

Luciano Signore, another bright young prospect, was also hampered by injury, while winger Vic Smythe, who joined City from State League club Azzurri, became a PSL drop-out after only two games.

Overall, however, the successes outweighed the disappointments, with the amazing return to form of Agenor Muniz leading the way.

Any similarity between the Muniz of 1979 and the bounding Brazilian of this year is purely coincidental.

Muniz, this year, for the first time in his life took a job outside of soccer and attributes his renewed vigor to the sense of responsibility that he has attained.

His inspirational play brought out the best in Sergio Melta who was Adcity's outstanding Under-21 player.

Johnny Nyskohus was another leading light along with Kiwi international Glenn Dods, Bobby Russell, goalkeeper Peter Marshall and Jones.

Adcity's finest hour came when they inflicted the first defeat of the season on Heidelberg United.

A fine, consistent run towards the end of the season saw Adcity almost make the Top Four, but this ambition had been ruined earlier by a mid-season slump.

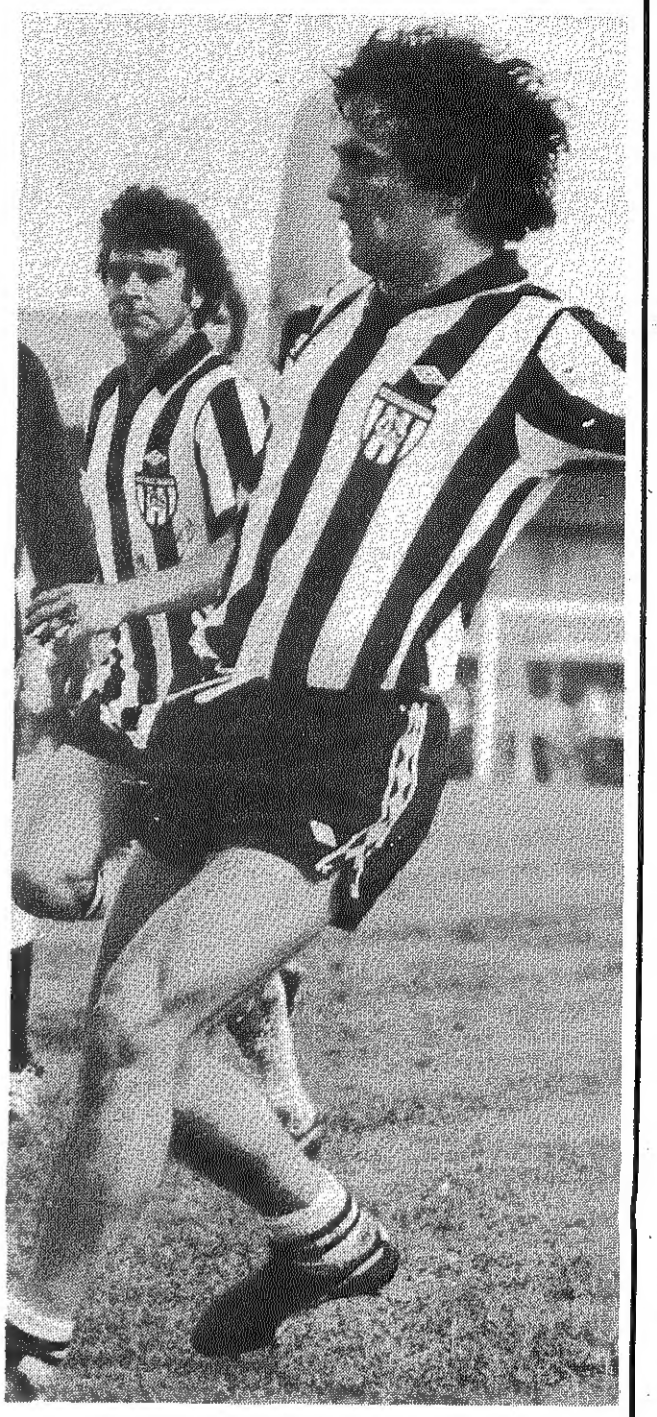
Like many other PSL clubs, Adcity ended the year in financial difficulty, a factor which influenced them to part company with their manager-coach for 1981.

Rasic seems certain to be succeeded by an Adelaide coach rather than a man from interstate.

Just who that person will be is causing as much speculation as the question of where Rasic will settle in 1981.

At this stage only two things are certain — Rasic, like Adcity, will not be marking time and he will be a tough act to follow.

— Allan Crisp



Melta: inspired by Muniz.

Gary Marocchi

Kickaburra

The mascot-logo of the 1981 Coca-Cola World Youth Cup — a cute, soccer-crazy Kickaburra — was launched in Sydney this week.

The mascot was created and designed by Winged Foot Public Relations, who will be in charge of the WYC promotions next year.

Lions busy at den building

Season 1980 will go down as the year Lions finally began to harness their huge potential and begin the job of putting the cub among the giants of the Australian game.

It will be remembered the club had fought a long battle for the right to use their own complex and when the decision finally was made and permission granted the club's directors and loyal supporters were galvanised into action.

Almost overnight the stadium was transformed into a compact unit which met the stringent requirements laid down by the inspection committee.

Terraces were added to three sides of the area (one of them covered), and a small but modern grandstand built with a V.I.P. entertaining area included.

Press facilities with S.T.D. phone lines are now completed and the environs will stand comparison with any ground in the country.

For club members a small clubroom has been renovated and greatly expanded so that much needed finance is now generated.

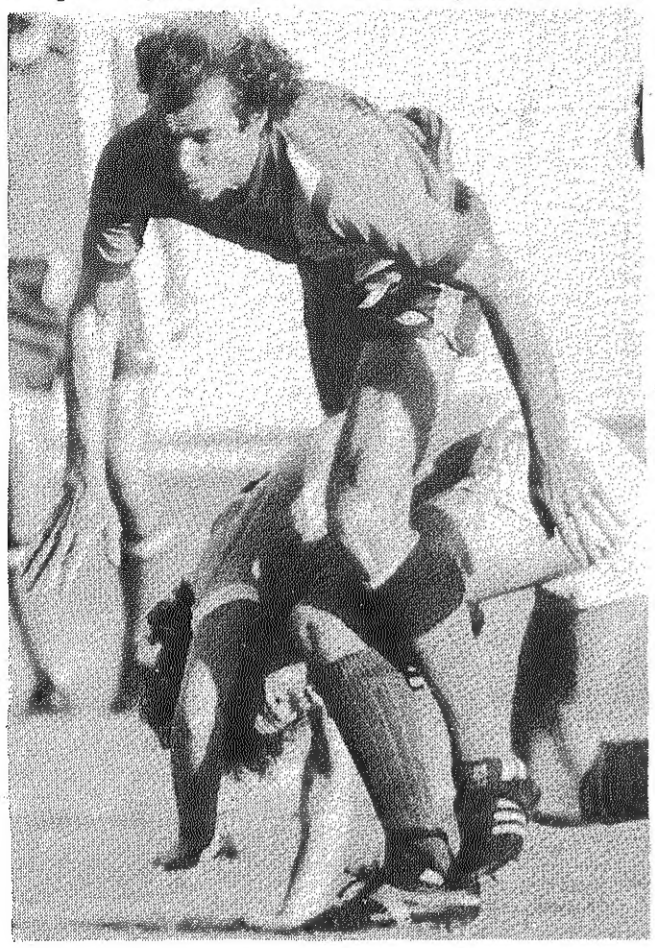
The playing surface is superb and has fetched nothing but praise from visiting players and coaches and yet, at the time of writing, work has already commenced on the turf in preparation for the busy 18 months ahead.

If this reads like a day in a beehive then the article is succeeding for this 12-acre complex which is owned by the club is a constant hive of activity.

There is a large board by common standards but as the management system is quite complex, and totally part-time, the numbers are needed.

A four man executive forms the nucleus of policy making and the positions have been filled by "horses for courses", the president and vice president both being company directors, the treasurer a self-employed accountant, the secretary a solicitor.

At playing level, coach Matt Carson, a dour canny Scot, was given the opportunity of establishing himself, not any easy task, for, due to the tight financial controls being implemented there was little funding being budgeted for buying players.



Verweij: goals didn't come.

Tony Brennan was allowed to leave at his own request and young Hogg joined the squad in exchange.

The backline picked itself during the year and their goals against record speaks for their effectiveness.

In midfield Carson went for youth, strength and exuberance rather than silky skill probably because he recognised that was all he had.

Up front the "get goals" burden fell on the tireless Millman and two Kiwi newcomers with big reputations, Verweij and McNaughton.

The record will show that of the three only Millman paid his way, the Kiwis only notching three goals between them in the Philips League

Weekly it became more and more apparent that to stop Millman was to stop Lions and as the year wore on the team began to struggle in their attempts to win.

However, Carson had added discipline and fight into the squad so that never could they be looked upon as a pushover; in fact on only two occasions were they "well beaten" and after these matches, both late in the season, both opposing coaches admitted they had been surprised by their easy 4-1 victories.

It could have been pointed out to them that by that time Lions were in fact introducing quite a number of younger players into the Philips League arena having long recognised that 1980 was not be their year.

A safe and sound seventh place in the league and a narrow loss in the semi-final of the Cup meant that the season could not be described as a failure but Carson knows what is needed and has already started moves that will see new faces at Richlands next season.

Among Queensland youth Lions are taking on the mantle of the club to be with.

In 1980 Tom McGregor, Graham Wilson, Tony Scanlon, John Ogden, Danny Wright, Paul Burns and Calvin Daunt have all been given exposure to top class soccer.

This is only the tip of the iceberg.

The coaching programs in the club are also under constant surveillance and changes being discussed, implemented, or thrown aside.

Ex-Ireland International Roddy McKenzie coached the club's reserve team to an undefeated title win, and ex-club 'keeper Mark Walker took the clubs colts to a respectable position.

Ex-Brisbane City Philips League coach Ian Kesson is totally absorbed with schemes in teaching selected boys the skills of the game and it is hoped to expand his program.

With all this going on mistakes are bound to be made and a breakdown in communication caused the loss one promising youngster when 'keeper Glen Ahearn left after not being selected for the top team.

This was a pity for the surplus of class goalkeepers had caused a change in coaching policy just the week before and it could be Glen acted against his best interests for he hasn't played since and has missed out on some valuable education.

What of Lions future? The club has set about healing the breach in relationships with the Queensland Soccer Federation, something that would have been thought impossible one year ago.

Work is continuing on the stadium and surrounds and a huge public relations exercise is planned for next season with the aim of uniting the huge number of soccer clubs on the Southside of Brisbane behind a common cause.

Summer soccer will help Lions in this aim and the club hopes some of the many people who run, play for, or support these teams can be lured to Philips League in 81/82.

There has to be much more work done to help juniors achieve what must be the aim of all Australian kids, to play P.S.L., and there is little doubt if Lions supporters apply themselves to these tasks with the same fervour as they did last year, 1981 will see more success come to this fine club.

Probably the only area in which the club can be found wanting is that of procuring sponsorship as all they have achieved has been done without the influx of "outside money."

Perhaps this is just as well, for with this club's massive assets and a sponsorship of say $100,000 the mind boggles at what could be achieved.

— Jim Binnie

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REVIEW OF PSL TEAMS

Bergers beat all the odds

A first-up 1-0 win over a Frankston City side comprising numerous reserve players, the loss of a coach within three weeks, and then a defeat in the Ampol Cup Final by a State League side can hardly be described as a bright opening to a season.

But in one way the Ampol Cup served a purpose for Heidelberg United enabling it to go through and shrug off the early season problems to emerge as a big threat for League honours and again taking the limelight from arch rivals South Melbourne.

The club transferred Branko Buljevic but made no big signing to replace him and when coach Manny Poulakakis decided to go to the lower grade State League in search of security with Juventus, the move was seen by the critics as a second step in the crumbling of an empire.

The club looked round frantically for a replacement and at one stage settled on an English FA staff coach by the name of Jim Adams, even letting the players know unofficially of the appointment.

But the latter upset the applecart by deciding against a move from England and the season started with two players in charge of coaching and team selection.

The duo — Jimmy Rooney and Pat Bannon — took the bit between the teeth and by the seventh round had the team sitting pretty on top of the table.

The first round of the Philips Cup provided for a revenge victory over the Ampol Cup winners Essendon to settle any lingering doubts and the coaching situation ceased to be a worry to the officials at the club.

That, basically, was the start of the season for Heidelberg which must by now seem many light years away for the players.

The club has now played some 40 odd games and the strain of a long season is beginning to show on the players.

But even if the cupboard is to remain bare of trophies the club will be able to look back on this season with a sense of satisfaction at the number of firsts achieved in the course of 12 months.

The emergence of seven club players into Socceroo status must rank as one.

Jim Tansey, and Jimmy Rooney were in it from the start. Yakka Banovic came into contention with a fine display in the Oceania tournament, John Yzendoorn grabbed his chance as substitute defender against Czechoslovakia, then gradually Jim Campbell, Theo Selemidis and Gary Cole all grabbed their share of the limelight to come under the attention of Rudi Gutendorf.

The next to be tried will be Jamie Paton as Gutendorf is keen to try out the Paton—Cole combination at national level.

The duo has established a good understanding on the park as evidenced by the 36 goals netted between them and given a fair run there is no reason why they shouldn't hit it off at national level as well.

Cole broke the Philips League goalscoring record by grabbing 21 goals although he did go through a minor slump in the second half of the season.

Paton atoned for that, however, because he scored 10 of his 15 goals in the last 12 league games.

Cole is at his best bullocking his way through defences and breaking on through-balls while Paton is the perfect foil at his peak in and around the penalty area, always looking for crumbs to sneak goals, in the sniffer style reminiscent of Allan Clarke.

The duo is further complemented by the silky skills of winger Andy Bozikas who, though not as goal conscious, has contributed in no uncertain manner to Heidelberg's attack, with his close control down the flanks and accurate crosses aimed at Cole.

While the forward line grabbed most of the limelight, a lot of the success depended on the back four where there was little to choose between Jim Tansey, Pat Bannon John Yzendoorn and Arthur McMillan.

Tansey was almost a second winger while the side was attacking, McMillan must be one of the most underrated fullbacks in the PSL, while Bannon and Yzendoorn controlled the centre of the defence with clinical efficiency.

Bannon and Rooney had an injury-free run while in charge which contributed largely to the success of the side.

Rooney wisely could not see it lasting and had Victorian coach Len McKendry down to take some of the training sessions.

This developed into a regular occurence and the club was keen to give McKendry the job but the Victorian Soccer Federation rejected the idea saying it couldn't allow a director of coaching to be tied down with one club.

What happened as a result was that McKendry was doing all the coaching behind the scenes but could only watch the matches from a distance in the grandstand.

The crunch arrived when his contract at VSF came up for renewal and he had to decide between the comfort of a Director's job where his involvement in the game is spasmodic and the craziness of club coaching, which he had been longing for since his arrival in Victoria.

It is now history that he chose the second but after a few short months in the chair he must sometimes wonder whether he made the right decision, because it has been anything but a smooth ride.

The most dramatic defeat was a 0-7 walloping by lowly Brisbane City which sent tremors through the club.

The committee panicked into fining the players for lack of effort, McKendry walked out as soon as he heard of it and one started to wonder whether the club had the lasting power to finish among the leaders.

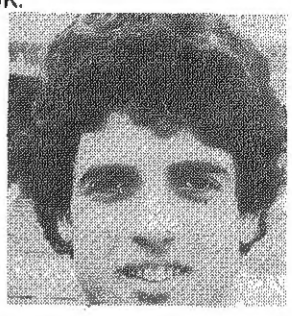
Luckily, the club steadied to defeat Canberra in the Philips Cup the following week which again helped to smooth matters and McKendry led the side in calmer waters for the rest of the season.

The main upshot from the defeat was that 'keeper Yakka Banovic lost his place in the side which in turn made up the player's mind to go to England.

Banovic had been trying to decide whether to try his luck in England after a successful stint with Derby County during the close season or whether to stick it out in Australia and play in the World Cup campaign.

The situation must have played on his mind for many months and according to the players "he blew a puncture" in the Brisbane match, being partly to blame for four of the goals.

The transfer itself took some agonising weeks to arrange but the club finally completed the transfer and working permits for his trip to UK.



Theo Selemidis

On reliable sources the workings of the transfer were broken down to $90,000 cash, a further $20,000 when Banovic makes 10 first team appearances, and another $20,000 on top of that when he reaches 20 first team appearances.

Jeff Olver, who had been in Banovic's shadow for 16 months, grabbed his chance and has done reasonably well in the 13 league and cup games he played since.

Hopefully he will be given the chance to make the position his own next year although it has already been announced that veteran Socceroo Jack Reilly is rejoining the club.

United threw away their chances of a Philips League championship in the second last round losing 1-3 to Newcastle on the same day that Adelaide City beat Sydney City.

The Top Four Series would compensate in some way for the near miss but that is no certainty now that they played so unconvincingly last week in Sydney and because their opponents, South Melbourne are riding the crest of a wave.

Len McKendry has been an admirer of Sydney City saying that they are the top side at the moment because they have been together for four years but he intends to take that crown off them next season.

His belief in giving a side time to mould itself into an efficient unit indicates there will be a few changes next year although an additional top class defender to eventually take over from Pat Bannon may be on the cards.

— Paul Galea

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THE YEAR IN FIGURES

INTER-CITY BALANCE

Let the figures speak — or lie...

How did the inter-city balance shift in 1980?

Below, we dissect the PSL results on State lines.

A few fascinating facts emerge, including:

- *Sydney City won 13 out of a possible 18 points against fellow Sydney opponents whereas Marconi managed only 8;*
- *The Sydney teams fared horribly against Melbourne teams, winning only six — but losing 16 games;*
- *St. George managed only a single point from six encounters with Victorians, Blacktown went only one point better;*
- *Marconi won all their four games against the two Adelaide teams;*
- *Of the Sydney clubs, Blacktown fared best against the Queensland sides;*
- *Sydney City remained unbeaten by Victorians, winning and drawing three each;*
- *Blacktown lost three and drew one away against other Sydney clubs, scoring only once in the process.*
- *Of their 12 games against the Queenslanders, Melbourne teams lost only one — a thumping 7-0 defeat of Heidelberg by Brisbane City;*
- *Adelaide City drew 0-0 at home against both Brisbane teams — then beat both 2-1 away;*
- *Heidelberg lost both games in Adelaide — possibly costing them the title;*
- *Brisbane Lions remained undefeated at home against the five Sydney teams, conceding only one goal;*

ADELAIDE v. BRISBANE		Brisbane Lions	Brisbane City
Adel. City	H	0-0	0-0
	A	2-1	2-1
West Adel.	H	1-1	1-0
	A	1-2	1-1
Adelaide Teams:		10	(10)
Brisbane Teams:		6	(6)

MELBOURNE v. BRISBANE		Brisbane Lions	Brisbane City
Heidelberg	H	1-0	3-1
	A	2-1	0-7
Sth. Melb.	H	2-2	3-3
	A	2-1	1-0
Footscray	H	3-1	1-1
	A	1-1	1-1
Melb. Teams:		17	(12)
Brisbane Teams:		7	(12)

MELBOURNE v. ADELAIDE		Adelaide City	West Adelaide
Heidelberg	H	0-0	4-2
	A	0-1	0-1
Sth. Melb.	H	2-1	2-0
	A	1-0	0-1
Footscray	H	1-3	0-3
	A	1-4	2-0
Melb. Teams:		11	(10)
Adelaide Teams:		13	(14)

SYDNEY v. SYDNEY	Sydney City	Marconi	Leichhardt	Blacktown	St. George
Sydney City	—	2-1	4-2	3-0	4-1
Marconi	2-0	—	1-2	9-0	0-0
Leichhardt	2-2	2-2	—	0-0	1-2
Blacktown	1-3	5-1	0-0	—	4-2
St. George	0-2	0-3	1-0	4-1	—

Sydney City	13 (8)
Marconi	8 (14)
Leichhardt	6 (9)
Blacktown	6 (—)
St. George	7 (5)

SYDNEY v. ADELAIDE		Adelaide City	West Adelaide
Sydney City	H	2-1	7-0
	A	0-1	2-0
Marconi	H	2-1	2-1
	A	1-0	1-0
Leichhardt	H	2-1	2-0
	A	0-2	4-0
Blacktown	H	1-2	1-0
	A	2-3	2-4
St. George	H	1-4	3-1
	A	1-6	0-1
Sydney Teams:		24	(23)
Adelaide Teams:		16	(17)

MELBOURNE v. MELBOURNE	Heidelberg	Sth. Melbourne	Footscray
Heidelberg	—	1-2	3-2
Sth. Melb.	0-0	—	3-0
Footscray	0-2	3-0	—
Heidelberg			5 (7)
Sth. Melbourne			5 (3)
Footscray			2 (2)

SYDNEY v. MELBOURNE		Heidelberg	Sth. Melbourne	Footscray
Syd. City	H	1-1	2-1	2-2
	A	0-0	2-1	2-1
Marconi	H	1-1	1-4	2-2
	A	3-3	1-3	4-0
Leichhardt	H	0-5	1-0	0-0
	A	1-5	0-1	0-1
Blacktown	H	1-2	0-3	3-0
	A	1-5	0-5	0-3
St. George	H	3-5	0-3	1-1
	A	2-4	1-2	3-5
Sydney Teams:				20 (34)
Melb. Teams:				40 (26)

SYDNEY v. BRISBANE		Brisbane Lions	Brisbane City
Sydney City	H	1-1	2-1
	A	0-2	0-1
Marconi	H	2-1	4-0
	A	0-0	1-2
Leichhardt	H	0-0	2-1
	A	1-2	0-1
Blacktown	H	4-1	3-1
	A	0-1	2-1
St. George	H	2-3	1-1
	A	0-0	1-0
Sydney Teams:			21 (16)
Brisbane Teams:			19 (24)

ALL-VIC FINAL

The traditional Melbourne rivals will battle it out in Sunday's Top Four final, for the right to meet Sydney City in the following week's Grand Final in Canberra.

The South Melbourne v Heidelberg clashes always produce drama, tension, bumper crowds — and good soccer; it's likely to be the same again.

Heidelberg will be at a disadvantage, having to play four days earlier in the Philips Cup final.

But quite apart from that, South Melbourne are in better shape all-round.

Lutton and Davidson at the back, Campbell in the middle and Evans up front appear to have peaked at the best possible time.

Meanwhile, Heidelberg have lost their golden touch; perhaps the excessive adulation, well earned for their earlier displays, went to their heads.

South Melbourne should be favored to win this tussle — but Heidelberg's past record against their rivals is so good that they, too, will enter the fray full of confidence.

PSL 1981: NEXT WEEK

The Australian Soccer Federation has decided to postpone announcing which teams will take part in 1981 Philips League.

Originally scheduled to be made public this week, the decision is likely to be released next week Wednesday or Thursday.

The postponement was at the request of the N.S.W. Federation which claimed that an early decision would influence Sunday's Grand Final.

All the applicants to the PSL were interviewed in the Sydney offices of the A.S.F. last Monday and Tuesday.

It seems certain that the League will be increased to 16 teams for 1981.

ALL PSL RESULTS 1977-80	SYDNEY CITY	MARCONI	HEIDELBERG	ADCITY	WESTAD	NEWCASTLE	STH.MELB.	BRIS.LIONS	LEICHHARDT	ST.GEORGE	FOOTSCRAY	BRISB.CITY	BLACKTOWN	CANBERRA	
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PSL AVERAGES

All the PSL placings of 1979-1980 and the clubs' all-time averages:

	77	78	79	80	%
Sydney City	1	2	3	1	1.75
Heidelberg	3	5	2	2	3.00
Sth.Melbourne	11	3	14	3	7.75
Marconi	2	4	1	4	2.75
Adelaide City	4	10	5	5	6.00
Newcastle	—	11	6	6	7.66
Brisbane Lions	9	6	9	7	7.75
Leichhardt	—	—	8	8	8.00
Footscray	8	12	10	9	9.75
Canberra	13	13	12	10	12.00
Blacktown	—	—	—	11	11.00
Brisbane City	10	14	4	12	10.00
West Adelaide	7	1	7	13	7.00
St.George	6	7	11	14	9.50

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MARCONI v HEIDELBERG

PHILIPS LEAGUE TOP FOUR:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

MELBOURNE

HEIDELBERG v STH.MELBOURNE

GRAND FINAL:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

CANBERRA

SYDNEY CITY v Winner of Sunday's match

FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

The conclusion of yet another gruelling season may be an opportune time for an assessment of first division football.

For the second year running, a PSL club has won this year's championship; perhaps not as convincingly as last year, but still, Marconi finished on top with 38 points one ahead of Polonia.

Last year — the first season this division operated — St. George ran away with the title winning it by a six-point margin.

Despite the lack of incentive to compete, PSL clubs dominated this division, showing superiority on the field mainly through their ability to attract better players.

With a glut of players on their books and aided by the competition rules, PSL clubs create some very unfair competition in this division particularly in the early part of the season.

Non-PSL clubs striving to get into State League, some at considerable expense, complain bitterly when, by the luck of the draw, they face almost full PSL sides.

There is no doubt, that non-PSL clubs had good reasons to grumble.

Most maintain that under the present system the team eventually promoted is not necessarily the strongest of the division.

Much depends on what sort of opposition they play against in fixtures against PSL clubs.

As an example, for instance, Revesby Workers, a promotion challenger early in the season, were thrashed by Marconi 7-0.

But the Marconi opposition consisted of eight PSL players including several internationals such as Krncevic, Jankovics, Sharne, Vieri, etc.

In an other instance Wollongong lost to a PSL-players boosted St.George team by only one goal but those points have made the difference at the end of winning the promotion race against Polonia.

One could hardly be unsympathetic to the noisy complaints these clubs dish out, even if they seem to fall on deaf ears.

Yet, despite the problems they cause, PSL clubs could not be blamed as they are within the rules of using these players for the many reasons that crop up within their organisations.

Some of the players may be out of form in the top team, some may be returning from injuries and some might not have had a game for that particular week, so the coaches give them a run to keep them fit.

Anyhow, PSL clubs may disagree between themselves on some issues but on their participation in this division they are all unanimous that they take part only until they could organise themselves with a youth league.

And, in fact, most of these clubs fiercely compete and promote the young players at their disposal with top coaching and other facilities.

Take for instance Sydney City; they used the least PSL players throughout the year and although they finished 10th on the competition table, Dennis Hoggart had a very skilful side with most of the players in the 16-19 year old range.

So did Leichhardt for long stretches, but they tended to push in the PSL players at times.

Another aspect of this conflict was that coaches and managers who handled these teams resented the intrusion of PSL players in their sides and only played them to obey orders from above.

Probably the best solution to this problem will be the formation of a youth league among the PSL clubs which will leave the other clubs in a better position to plan their future.

But failing this, some alterations might be necessary to the rules which will put further restraint on the use of top players against inferior opposition.

NSW FINALS

Grade 1:
Melita v Canterbury 3-2
Grade 2:
Bankstown v Sutherland 2-0
Grade 3:
Sutherland v Ku-ring-gai 3-0

NO QUORUM

It seems that many NSW clubs don't want to interfere in their own domestic affairs...

Last week's Special General Meeting of the NSW Federation had to be cancelled through lack of quorum.

Five State League clubs didn't send a delegate — and many followed the example from Divisions 1 and 2.

NSW Federation president Karl Rodny described the incident as "insulting and disgusting."

There is now a chance that in future clubs face a heavy fine for failing to attend.

The meeting will now be held this week on Wednesday at the Auburn club.

The same evening that the replay of the Philips Cup will be staged at Marconi Stadium...

NSW STATE LEAGUE

BIG TWO CLASH IN GRAND FINAL

The NSW Grand Final will bring together the season's two top teams — few can argue about that.

Melita won the championship by a comfortable margin, then were whacked by runners-up Olympic in the first semifinal.

Judging on their most recent forms, one has to forecast a repeat Olympic victory.

They are the more balanced and composed of the two teams and in Eaton, Hensman, Meier, Wilson, Scott and Jennings, have a fistful of experienced performers.

Melita, in contrast, rely heavily on the creative skills of Farrugia and Stoddart.

However, in almost all departments they are more modestly endowed than their opponents.

A big plus on their side is the intelligent coaching of Attila Abonyi who seems to have brought the absolute maximum out of his team — probably slightly more than the maximum, really.

The Eaton-Scott partnership in the Olympic attack could swing the match in their favor; the Melita defence may not have the weapons to combat them.

But Melita have shown during the season that they can be a tough side to beat especially when Stoddart and Farrugia are given space to move in midfield.

An Olympic win is the likelier.

THESE EAGLES SWIM, TOO

Last Sunday natural historians had a chance to discover that Eagles can not only fly but can also swim.

After an indifferent first half, trailing Canterbury by two brilliant Hall goals, Melita Eagles returned to the fray just as heavy rain began to pour.

And if Greek mythology's Prometheus did acquire renewed strength from mother earth, the Eagles grew wings in the wet.

The first half was a dreadfully disappointing affair with hardly a move worth recording — apart from two great goals by Craig Hall.

In the 16th minute he chipped his shot over the goalie from a bad angle and in the 44th, picking up a short clearance, he volleyed the ball into the corner.

In between Melita kept creating the chances but usually shot miles over the bar.

Then came the Eagles' blitz, starting the second half with renewed vigor.

In the 55th minute Allen was bundled off the ball in the goalmouth and Farrugia's converted penalty raised Melita's hopes.

Neil Williams could have clinched the game for the Berries but, in the 61st minute, missed from close range.

Then the two polished Melita performers took over. In the 78th minute Stoddart's persistence won the ball and his pass was quickly hammered home by Allen.

Two minutes later the soaring Eagles were home. Farrugia, possiby the best man on the field, flashed down the left, sent in a low cross and R. Williams flicked it home in the goalmouth.

It was, on the whole, a rather disappointing match with few good moves and little evidence of individual skill.

In fact, on the day, both teams looked several goals weaker than the weakest PSL teams.

Perhaps they just had an off day; perhaps the gap between PSL and State League is widening. One has to reserve judgment until Sunday's Grand Final.

Goals: 0-1 Hall (16m), 0-2 Hall (44m), 1-2 Farrugia (55m., pen.), 2-2 Allen (78m), 3-2 Williams (80m).
Referee: R. Rampley; **crowd:** 3,200.

— M. Renwick

Duel on the ground in last Sunday's NSW Final.

MELITA: Greedy, Berry, S. McDonald (Parker 72m), Darvill, Mikas, Juchniewicz, R. Williams, R. Farrugia, Allan, J. Stoddart, Jones.
CANTERBURY: McPherson, Kable, G. Brown, Penman, Barbutis, N. Williams, Hall, Basterfield, R. Brown, Byles, Ramisch.

Canterbury fullback Kable embraces double-scorer Hall.

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GRAND FINAL

Saturday, 19th October

Sydney Sports Ground

3.10pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MELITA

At 12.55pm: Sydney Olympic v Sutherland 2nd grade.
At 11.15am: Auburn v Bankstown 3rd grade.

Lucky Spectator Prize and Player of the Year.

The 1980 Coca-Cola Bottlers' Lucky Spectator Prize — a Holden motor car from Tony Packard of Baulkham Hills — will be drawn prior to the first grade Grand Final on Sunday, 19th October by the 1980 Player of the year who will be named prior to the drawing.

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WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS...

THIEVES OF BAGHDAD LEAD TO FIFA BAN

As has been reported, Iraq will not be allowed to hold any full internationals until July 2, 1982, because of a scandal last April during the final of the Olympic qualifying tournament.

The current FIFA News finally reveals the sordid happenings which led to this severe ban.

Excerpts from a circular, the original of which was sent to the Iraq Association:

The Disciplinary Committee examined the referee's report, the inspector's report and the correspondence exchanged with your Association.

It was noted that in this tournament after all the qualifying matches had been played, Iraq and Kuwait had obtained seven points each, Iraq with a goal difference of 8-0 and Kuwait 7-1.

The final match between these two countries ended with a score of 2-3 in favour of Kuwait although at halftime Iraq was leading by 2-0.

Iraq filed a protest against the referee's decision which had led to a penalty.

According to the referee's and inspector's reports, unfortunate incidents occurred at the end of the match and referee George Joseph (Malaysia) was attacked by spectators who had invaded the field of play.

He finally returned to his hotel with his linesmen thanks to a police escort placed at his disposal by your Association.

Kuwait in happier times, against Australia in 1977.

At 21.30pm two individuals entered into the referee's room accusing him of having been bribed by Kuwait and criticising him for having awarded the penalty to Kuwait.

He was slapped and threatened and one of the two men shot at him with a revolver, fortunately missing him.

Then one of them went to fetch the linesmen in the dining room.

They carried out a sort of "investigation" concerning the penalty and a goal scored by Kuwait which, according to the two men, had been an "off-side" goal.

The two men continued to harass the referee threatening him that they had come to kill him.

They finally left telling him that they would be back.

At 23.00pm the President of the Iraq Association and Mr. Nalbandian, responsible for the referees in the tournament, went to the referee's room and apologised for these incidents.

The referee was asked to go with them to the TV studio to "ascertain his error..."

During the video presentation at the TV station, the two above mentioned attackers came back and hit the referee again.

The President of the Iraq Association intervened and answered for the referee's security.

After returning to the hotel the President stayed with the referee until around 3.00am. In the morning the referee was accompanied to the airport and left the country safely.

In the course of this entire episode the referee also had his wallet stolen which contained $500.

During the enquiry made by the FIFA it appeared quite clearly that the referee was compelled to fill in his official referee report under the pressure of the officials of your Association. The wording under point 15 "Incidents" reads as follows:

"A protest was made on a penalty given against Iraq. Subsequently myself and linesman Lee Kok Leong of Singapore were taken by the F.A. of Iraq to see the video tape after the game. It appeared to me that it was not a handball. Therefore it was a mistake."

The medical report established at the Hospital Besar, Jalan Pahang in Kuala Lumpur on April 3, 1980 mentions the following injuries: (long list).

It appears therefore that the referee had been violently hit by the aggressors.

It was noted in your letter and telex that in your opinion the penalty awarded by the referee was not justified and furthermore that one of the aggressors who attacked the referee in his hotel room is one of your officials named Marouf Khadhir.

So far we were not informed of the second aggressor's name who must be known to your Association as well.

Having taken into account all the mitigating facts such as the excuses presented to FIFA, the protection given by the President to the referee from 23.00 to 3.30 in the morning, the Disciplinary Committee has decided:

To suspend all football grounds in Iraq for matches of FIFA or Confederation competitions for a period of two years effective July 3, 1980 until July 2, 1982. The stadium in Baghdad where this match was played (Al-Shaab Stadium) is suspended for all international matches for one year from July 3, 1980 *to July 2, 1981.*

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• Strangely, there is no undue agitation to change club names like Always Ready, Blooming and The Strongest — though they happen to be in Spanish-speaking Bolivia . . .

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• Former Argentina manager Juan Carlos Lorenzo is now with the Mexican Atlanta, on a $17,000 a month salary — plus his $260,000 signing on bonus.

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• Soon to be capped for New Zealand is former Northern Ireland youth international, ex-Glentoran star Johnny Hill.

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• Adam Musial, who played for Poland in the 1974 World Cup finals, is now with English fourth division club Hereford.

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• The best player in the world? Says England goalie Ray Clemence: "It would have to be Diego Maradona."

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• Argentina's first division San Lorenzo — former club of Vic Fernandez — is so broke that the directors had to take up a collection to buy towels and soap for the players having a cold shower — cold because the electricity has been cut off, after a non-payment of bills . . .

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• Coventry chairman Jimmy Hill of TV fame has told his players that nothing but the first division title would satisfy him.

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• Former Hibernians, Arsenal, Portsmouth, Canberra City, Motherwell and Fulham star Peter Marinello, 30, is now playing indoor soccer in the USA with the Phoenix Inferno club.

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• Sammy Chung, ex-Wolves manager, now with the Swedish second division club Vesteras, will soon return to Britain.

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• The national team manager of Hong Kong is former Northern Ireland great Peter McParland.

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• Brazil's ex-manager Claudio Coutinho considers that soccer teams should have only 10 and not 11 players as there is insufficient space to play at attractive, modern game.

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• Two of the best known English League managers got the sack last week: Malcolm Allison (with partner Tony Book) from Manchester United, Tommy Docherty from QPR.

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• Brazilian star Zico will leave Flamengo of Rio in June and will play in Italy or Spain.

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• German club record: Stuttgart's gate takings in the match against Bayern Munchen reached $500,000.

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• Meanwhile, Bayern Munchen have signed a new sponsorship deal with the truck manufacturer Magirus-Deutz, netting them $1,200,000 over three years.

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• Former all-time Brazilian great Garrincha is critically ill, the result of years of alcoholism. Doctors fear for his life.

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• Johan Cruyff is back in Holland and hopes to play for Ajax as an amateur during the American off-season.

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• Paul Breitner: "I don't know why so many people still laugh at American soccer. There are lots of areas, especially in promotion and facilities, where we could learn from them."

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• Ex-APIA player Bob Ridley is now head coach of the Cleveland Cobras in the American Soccer League.

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• Switzerland has its best three players appearing for foreign clubs: Rene Botteron with FC Koln, Raimondo Ponte with Nottingham Forest and the country's most popular star, Umberto Barberis with Monaco.

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• St. Etienne's veteran Yugoslav goalie Ivan Curkovic has been replaced by a new signing, Jean Castaneda, 23.

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• Israeli international Peretz is now playing with the French club Strasbourg.

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• Istvan Magyar, 25, the former Ferencvaros and Hungarian winger who fled Budapest a year ago, is now playing with the Belgian Bruges, next to the former Red Star Belgrade striker Zoran Filopovic — and in front of Magyar's former Ferencvaros team-mate, Laszlo Balint, who is in Belgium with his country's permission.

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• An idea worth considering by the ASF: The West German Association paid $300,000 in bonuses to the players who won the 1980 European Championship — and a further $200,000 to their clubs for releasing the players.

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• The Colombian Government has voted against any financial assistance towards the 1986 World Cup finals in that country — and now FIFA is likely to shift the venue to Brazil or perhaps the USA.

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• The American College season is the shortest in the world: early September to early November.

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